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Identical letters dated 28 June 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) committed during the month of May 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the seventieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

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Land violations in May 2016

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
2 May	1130	From inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite Labbunah at point B3, as a Lebanese Army patrol was erecting observation towers on the Lebanese-Palestinian border, an Israeli enemy patrol trained a machine gun mounted on a Hummer vehicle on members of the patrol.
10 May	–	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, between points AP15 and B2, an Israeli enemy soldier positioned himself behind one of the concrete blocks and aimed his machine gun, mounted on a bipod and fitted with a scope, at a Lebanese Army patrol.
	0800	Opposite the Ra's al-Naqurah area, members of an enemy patrol (eight soldiers) cut a hole in the technical fence and crossed over without violating the Blue Line. At 1230 hours they returned into occupied territory. At 1430 hours, members of the patrol returned and closed the hole in the fence, while one of them kept his weapon trained on a Lebanese Army patrol.
12 May	1320	Opposite the Ibl al-Qamh area, enemy soldiers trained the cannon of a tank on Lebanese territory.
18 May	1000	Opposite the town of Alma al-Sha'b in the vicinity of the Hanita East 2 post, one member of an Israeli enemy patrol made obscene gestures at a Lebanese Army patrol.
23 May	1200	From inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite the Wazzani resort, a Defender vehicle fitted with a pole-mounted camera pointed its camera at Lebanese territory. The vehicle drove off at 1540 towards occupied territory.
25 May	1515	From their position inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite the town of Alma al-Sha'b, the Israeli enemy trained a machine gun, mounted on a Humvee vehicle, on members of a Lebanese Army patrol.
	1550 1700	Inside the occupied Shab'a Farms, several explosions and bursts of medium automatic-weapon fire were heard.
30 May	0800	Opposite the Kafr Killa-Udaysah road, a Hummer vehicle, a grader, a wheeled bulldozer and an excavator belonging to the Israeli enemy spread gravel on the road along the technical fence. One of the soldiers trained his weapon on Lebanese territory. The Israeli enemy finished work and the vehicles withdrew in the direction of occupied territory at 1630 hours.
31 May	1015	From inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite the town of Kafr Killa, an Israeli enemy patrol consisting of an off-road vehicle and a construction vehicle drove up and members of the patrol started working on the technical fence. Some soldiers loaded their weapons and trained them on a Lebanese Army patrol and hurled obscenities at the Lebanese soldiers. The enemy patrol left in the direction of occupied territory at 1030 hours.

Sea violations in May 2016

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
1 May	1422	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) of 1 October 2011, for a period of one minute, and proceeded on its way for some 110 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1911	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of three minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 222 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
3 May	0335 0430	From inside occupied Palestinian waters, off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for two periods of five minutes and one minute, respectively.
	0336	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of six minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 240 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0421	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of seven minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 370 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	2225 2230	From its position in occupied Palestinian territory opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy twice directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters, first for 40 seconds and then for 30 seconds.
5 May	0822	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of seven minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 205 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1810	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of three minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 180 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
6 May	0435	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of 10 minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 277 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0515	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of 12 minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 407 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1750	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of three minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 185 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	2230	From inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters, opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch trained a searchlight on the Ra's al-Naqurah position for a period of 10 seconds.
8 May	1250	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of two minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 130 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
13 May	0750	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), for a period of five minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 310 metres, whereupon it detonated noise bombs within Lebanese territorial waters and fired a number of rounds in a southerly direction. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
14 May	0020 0320	From its position in occupied Palestinian territory opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy trained a searchlight on Lebanese territorial waters five times, the first time for 40 seconds, the next four times for 30 seconds each.
17 May	0400	From inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters, off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch trained a searchlight on a Lebanese fishing vessel located in Lebanese territorial waters, then the launch sounded a siren.
	1800	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of seven minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 203 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
18 May	1800	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of three minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 259 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
22 May	1857	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of three minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 296 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
26 May	0843	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of four hours and 43 minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 460 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0843	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of five hours and seven minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 460 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Date	Time	Nature of violation
	0845	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of 30 minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 150 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0906	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of four hours and 49 minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 600 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1234	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of two minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 150 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1255	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of eight minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 90 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1846	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of two minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 296 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
27 May	1847	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of three minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 314 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
29 May	2040	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of 17 minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 481 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters. At 2045 hours, the same launch trained a searchlight on Lebanese territorial waters for a period of 10 minutes and called out in Arabic over a loudspeaker at a Lebanese fishing boat located in Lebanese territorial waters.
31 May	1540	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a period of three minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 166 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Air violations in May 2016

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
1 May	0635	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa and circling over Riyaq and Baalbek. It left at 1740 hours over Kafr Killa.
	0705	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 1900 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
2 May	0940	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and the South, before leaving at 2300 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
3 May	0835	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa and circling over the Western Bekaa and the South. It left at 1205 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
4 May	1400	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b and circling over the South. It left at 1900 hours over Rumaysh.
5 May	0740	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa and circling over Riyaq and Baalbek. It left at 1840 hours over Kafr Killa.
6 May	0845	A (small) Israeli enemy radio-controlled reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering opposite Blida. It left at 0846 hours in the direction of the occupied territories.
8 May	1445	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa and circling over the Western Bekaa, Riyaq and Baalbek. It left at 1915 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	2110	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b and circling over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil. It left at 0700 hours on 9 May over Kafr Killa.
9 May	0945	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa and circling over all regions of Lebanon. They left at 1115 hours over Alma al Sha'b.
	2150	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun and circling over the South. It left at 0445 hours on 10 May over Alma al-Sha'b.
	2200	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa and circling over the South and the Western Bekaa. It left at 0445 hours on 10 May over Rumaysh.
10 May	0710	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah and circling over the South. It left at 1215 hours over Kafr Killa.
	0955	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the occupied Shab'a Farms and circling over Rashayya, Hasbayya and the Shab'a Farms. It left at 1055 hours over Naqurah.

Date	Time	Nature of violation
	1150	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b and circling over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil. It left at 2145 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
11 May	0730	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa and circling over Baalbek and Riyaq. It left at 2150 hours over Kafr Killa.
	0805	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah and circling over Beirut and its suburbs, Iqlim al-Kharrub, Tripoli and Shikka. It left at 1435 hours over Naqurah.
12 May	0620	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh and circling over Baalbek and Riyaq. It left at 1430 hours over Kafr Kilia.
14 May	0925	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa and circling over the South and the Western Bekaa. It left at 1100 hours over Kafr Killa.
	0940	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh and circling over the South, Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil, and the districts of Matn and Ba'abda. It left at 2130 hours over Rumaysh.
15 May	2150	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b and circling over the South and Damur. It left at 0630 hours on 16 May over Rumaysh.
16 May	0700	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa and circling over the South. It left at 1630 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1015	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b and circling over Beirut and its suburbs and the South. It left at 1800 hours over Rumaysh.
17 May	1015	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa and circling over all regions of Lebanon. They left at 1140 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
19 May	1215	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun and circling over all regions of Lebanon. They left at 1430 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
21 May	0900	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh and circling over the South. It left at 1440 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1520	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b and circling over the South. It left at 2150 hours over Kafr Killa.
24 May	2040	An Israeli enemy aircraft violated Lebanese airspace and circled over the sea off Naqurah, releasing 10 decoy flares.
	2315	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b and circling over the South, Beirut and its suburbs, Riyaq and Baalbek. It left at 1710 hours on 25 May over Alma al-Sha'b.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
25 May	1550 1700	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the occupied Shab'a Farms.
26 May	1155	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh and circling over the South and Iqlim al-Kharrub. It left at 2225 hours over Rumaysh.
27 May	0605	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Alma al-Sha'b and circling over Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and the South. It left at 1550 hours over Rumaysh.
29 May	1340	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b and circling over the Shuf and the South. It left at 1930 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
30 May	1300	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun and circling over all regions of Lebanon. They left at 1440 hours over western Naqurah.
	1310	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b and circling over the Western Bekaa and the South. It left at 1950 hours over Aytarun.
	1700	A small Israeli enemy helicopter, blue in colour, violated Lebanese airpspace, entering over point B66 opposite the town of Mays al-Jabal and circling over Mays al-Jabal and Blida. It left at 1710 hours over Aytarun at point B57.
31 May	1015	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah and circling over all regions of Lebanon. They left at 1210 hours over Rumaysh.